

RECYCLE MORE... TRASH LESS

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NEW NORTH END RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION METHODS BEGIN MAY 2ND

1. RECYCLING

MIX IT UP in either a large wheeled cart or a heavy-duty clear plastic bag. Mix the following items:

- Clean pizza boxes
- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines/catalogs
- Junk mail (remove free samples)
- White and colored paper/brown bags
- Telephone books
- Paperback books
- Milk and juice cartons
- Flattened food boxes (cereal, frozen foods, etc)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Tin and aluminum food and soda cans, aluminum foil, pie plates
- All plastic containers
- Juice and soy milk boxes (sorry, no plastic bags)

REMEMBER TO RINSE CONTAINERS



WHEELED CART

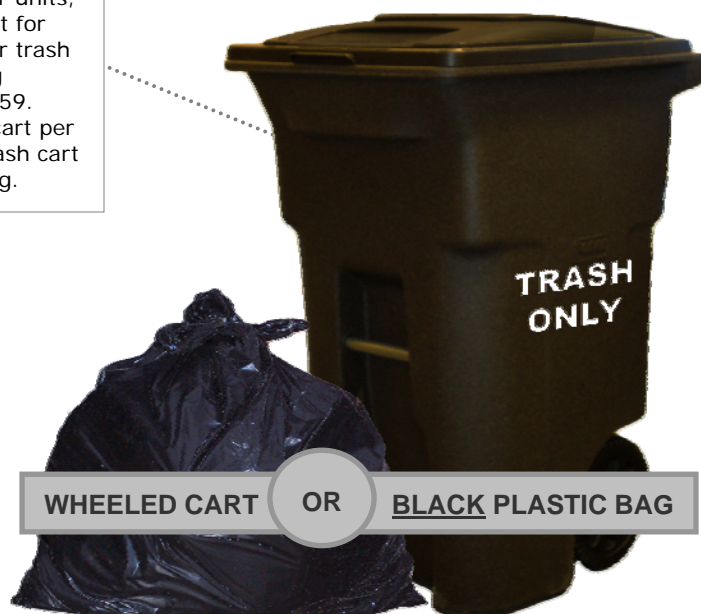
OR

CLEAR PLASTIC BAG

If you live in a building with six or fewer units, request a cart for recycling and/or trash by calling 617-635-4959. One recycling cart per building. One trash cart per building.

2. TRASH

CONTAIN IT! After you have recycled everything you can, place the remaining trash in either a large wheeled cart or a heavy-duty black plastic bag.



WHEELED CART

OR

BLACK PLASTIC BAG

3. SET OUT FOR PICKUP.

Follow these regulations to move toward a cleaner North End

- Trash is collected every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Recycling is collected every Friday.
- Set trash and recycling out for collection on the curb by 7am on collection day.
- You may place trash and recycling out for collection as early as 5pm the night before collection day. You are strongly encouraged to wait until collection day to set out your trash and recycling. Litter and rodent food sources will be reduced if trash is on the sidewalk for less time.
- DO NOT set out recycling or trash at any other times.
- On Fridays, create distinct piles of trash and recycling, as pictured above.
- DO NOT set trash out in small grocery bags or kitchen bags. Only heavy-duty black trash bags are permitted.
- DO NOT put building or construction materials out for city pickup.
- Remember to bring in your recycling and trash carts from the curb after collection.
- Property owners are responsible for sweeping loose trash and litter from sidewalks and gutter areas.
- Existing regulations will be strictly enforced.
- Report trash violations to Code Enforcement by calling 617-635-4896 or to the Mayor's Hotline by calling 617-635-4500.

CLEAR & BLACK PLASTIC BAG GIVEAWAYS!

April 19th at the Nazarro Center
30 N Bennet St
9am – 11am

April 26th at the Prado
(by Paul Revere statue)
9am – 11am

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL RECYCLING IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ENSURE SUCCESS WITH RECYCLING IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS:

- Use only clear plastic bags. Do not use blue opaque bags.
- Use bags that are about 30-gallons. Smaller sizes tend to fill up fast and you may run out of room.
- Use the thickest clear bags you can find. Thickness is measured in “mls.” 2ml bags are recommended.
- If you have a lot of glass or other heavy recyclable material, consider double-bagging to prevent your bag from ripping, ESPECIALLY if bags are less than 1ml thick.
- On collection day, separate your recycling bag(s) from any pile of trash bags by about four feet to create distinct piles of trash and recycling on the curb.
- If scavengers are a problem, separate redeemable cans and bottles from the rest of your recycling. Residents have used clear plastic bags, paper bags, and recycling bins to separate redeemables.

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS AT:

- **Golden Goose Market**, 179 Commercial St
- **Johnnie's Food Master**, 51 Austin St, Charlestown
- **Shaw's Supermarkets**, 246 Border St, East Boston; 14 McGrath Hwy, Somerville; 53 Huntington Av, Boston
- **True Value Hardware**, 89 Salem St
- **SHOP ONLINE!** Use the keywords “clear garbage bag” or “clear trash bag.” Try Amazon, Ebay, or Staples.
- **BUY IN BULK!** The nearest bulk vendor is **All-Brands Corporation** located at 351 Washington St in Brighton. Pickup a case of 250 clear bags in the store for \$39.95 or have a case delivered. Call 617-254-6007 for delivery rates and details.

>> Clear Plastic Bag Insider Info << BUYING IN BULK

When you buy in bulk, you can get a thicker, stronger bag and you may be able to save money. One case of 250 bags will last a five unit building for a year! Try splitting the cost with your neighbors or asking your condo association to purchase a box for everyone in the building to share.



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BOUNDARIES OF CLEANLINESS INITIATIVE; STREET SWEEP EXPANSION

See the map for a birds-eye view of the North End Cleanliness Initiative.

LEGEND

-  Pilot Area Boundary
-  Roads with Street Sweeping
-  Clear Plastic Bag Sellers

Street sweeping in the North End has expanded this year to include:

- Henchman St
- Snow Hill St
- Endicott St
- Thacher St
- Cooper St
- Commercial St
- Sheafe St


All of the streets that receive street cleaning are highlighted on the map.

Remember to move your car on your street's assigned days. Assigned days can be found on posted street signs.



NUMBERS TO KNOW

• Recycling Office	617-635-4959	• Code Enforcement	617-635-4896
• Sanitation Office	617-635-7573	• Rodent Control	617-635-5300
• Highway Division (street cleaning)	617-635-7555	• Mayor's 24-hour Hotline	617-635-4500
• Street Sweeping Tow Information	617-776-6111		



NORTH END Neighborhood Cleanliness Initiative NEWS

The Problem

The Solutions



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